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1. BACKGROUNDER AT MEA YOU DESCRIBE REFTEL PRODUCED STORY IN TODAY'S NEW YORK TIMES, REPEATED TO YOU IN WIRELESS FILE. WE PREPARED FOLLOWING GUIDANCE FOR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SHOULD QUESTION BE RAISED: (IT WAS NOT.)

Q: THE NEW YORK TIMES QUOTES A HIGH INDIAN OFFICIAL AS SAYING THAT INDIA IS TRYING TO BROADEN TIES AND DEVELOP A NEW ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES. DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THIS?

A: AS WE HAVE INDICATED ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS, WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO AN IMPROVED DIALOGUE WITH INDIA REGARDING OUR FUTURE RELATIONSHIP.

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Q: THE STORY SAYS THAT U.S. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, EXCEPT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, WAS SUSPENDED IN 1971 WITHOUT CONSULTATION WITH INDIA. WAS THAT THE CASE?

A: YES.

Q: THE STORY QUOTES THE INDIA OFFICIAL AS SAYING THE REQUEST FURTHER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. IS THIS CORRECT?

A: YOU SHOULD ASK THE INDIANS THAT QUESTION, NOT ME.

2. SABHARWAL STORY IN BALTIMORE SUN OF PREVIOUS DAY INDICATING THAT INDIAN AMBASSADOR HAD BEEN ASKED TO SEEK EMERGENCY FOOD SUPPLIES HAS PRODUCED NO QUESTIONS LOCALLY. WHEN WE ASKED GONSALVES OF INDIAN EMBASSY ABOUT THIS STORY, HE RESPONDED THAT IN HIS OPINION BALTIMORE SUN (READ GOI) HAD NOT BEEN PARTICULARLY WELL SERVED BY SABHARWAL'S KIND OF REPORTING. HE ADDED THAT SO FAR AS HE KNEW, THE POSITION OF HIS GOVERNMENT ON FOODGRAIN REQUIREMENTS HAD NOT CHANGED FROM THAT STATED EARLIER TO SECRETARY BUTZ AND OTHERS IN DEPARTMENT. MEANWHILE WE UNDERSTAND INDIAN PROCUREMENT PEOPLE HERE HAVE BEEN CONTINUING TO PLACE ORDERS AND TOTAL IS IN AREA OF ONE MILLION TONS IN WHEAT AND MILO COMMITMENTS.

3. AMBASSADOR'S CABLE ON USAID SOUTH BUILDING WAS CARRIED IN TOTO IN BOSTON GLOBE OF JULY 23 IN ITEM DATELINED WASHINGTON AND WRITTEN BY DARIUS JHABVALA. LATTER'S BRIEF INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS WERE GENERALLY ACCURATE, ALTHOUGH HE WAS OBVIOUSLY NOT IN POSITION TO NOTE THAT STATE 140392 WAS AIDAC MESSAGE (UNCLEARED IN STATE). ROGERS

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